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Jeffrey A. Trogolo et. al.

Application No.: 10/032,372

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For: Encapsulated Inorganic Antimicrobial Additive  
for Controlled Release

Examiner: Choi, Frank L.

Group Art Unit: 1616

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- Declaration of Jeffrey A. Trogolo (4 pages)
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First Named Inventor	Jeffrey A. Trugolo
Art Unit	1816
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2004  
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